

# The "Exaggerated Ego" Introduced in the Thaw Trial by Dr. Evans Likely to Become Epidemic Among the Principal Figures in the Case

ning as to the integrity of this jury, but it was deemed best that the should be confined together.

"But in view of the emergency which has arisen, we agree that the jurors should not be further kept from their avocations and their homes. Counsel on both sides unite in the motion that the jurors be discharged from service and allowed to separate until next Monday morning."

As Jerome sat down, Mr. Hartridge arose. "We consent to all that the District Attorney has asked," said Hartridge.

## JUSTICE FITZGERALD'S SYMPATHY.

Judge Fitzgerald, addressing the ten remaining jurors, said: "Gentlemen, the rule keeping the jurors together was not taken upon the initiative of the Court, nor was it framed upon the separate recommendations of counsel on either side. It was a recommendation in which both sides united. The reasons given by counsel were sufficient and most excellent and the Court held these reasons to be materially necessary to the interest of both the people and to the defendant. Unfortunately, the sad occurrence which has been so feelingly alluded to has caused a condition of affairs which must be confronted. It would be inhuman to compel your grief-stricken fellow-juror to remain under surveillance during the hours of his sorrow, which must naturally weigh so heavily upon him and in which he has the sympathy of all of us.

"I will allow you to return to your homes until next Monday morning at 10.30. I trust that you will be free from any annoyances, and I appeal to your honor not to read anything in the papers about this case and not to speak of it nor allow any one else to speak of it to you. I beg of you to guard yourselves from outside pressure of any sort, and I invoke your own vigilance to this end.

"However, I am amply satisfied from what I have seen of you during the early stages of this trial to feel satisfied that you will do your duty. I will now dismiss you until Monday morning, believing we will then be able to go on with this case."

## JURORS SCATTER TO THEIR HOMES.

A visible sense of new and added responsibility was resting upon each of the ten men as they went out. Separating at the door and freed for the first time in weeks of police guardianship, they hurried to the Broadway Central, the place of their confinement, to gather together their wardrobes and scatter to their homes in the various parts of Manhattan Island.

Just before court adjourned Mr. Jerome made this statement: "Your Honor, the defense has here at present two worthy and reputable physicians, Dr. Deemar and Dr. Bingamon, of Pennsylvania. There is still some question in my mind as to the admissibility of certain evidence which the lawyers upon the other side desire them to give. It would work a hardship upon these practitioners to compel them to remain here until this trial is resumed. We may be able to examine these gentlemen in my offices this afternoon and reach some agreement as to their testimony, in order that it may be embodied in sworn statements and in order also that they may be permitted to return to their homes at once."

Justice Fitzgerald nodded an assent and declared an adjournment. The conference at District Attorney Jerome's office over the admission of the testimony of the two Pennsylvania physicians lasted only a few minutes. It was mutually agreed that Dr. Deemar and Dr. Bingamon should be permitted to go back to their homes. They agreed to return here whenever their testimony may be needed.

Harry Thaw hunched his overcoat about him and stalked out without a word to any one.

## THAW IS RECONCILED.

ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE TOMBS HE HALTED LONG ENOUGH TO SAY THIS: "IT IS AN ACT OF PROVIDENCE AND CANNOT BE HELPED. I AM SORRY FOR MR. BOLTON. I AM VERY GLAD, HOWEVER, THAT THE TRIAL IS NOT TO BE BROKEN OFF ALTOGETHER AND THAT IT CAN BE RESUMED NEXT MONDAY. I THINK IT WOULD DRIVE ME DESPERATE IF MY WIFE SHOULD HAVE ALL THIS TO GO THROUGH AGAIN."

Immediately after the adjournment began Mr. Jerome and Mr. Garvan and all of Thaw's lawyers went upstairs to the District Attorney's office to examine the two family physicians of the Thaws from Pennsylvania. It was stated that the inquiry would probably be conducted behind closed doors. It was also said that the matter of the admission of Harry Thaw's will might also be considered further during the afternoon.

Upon both sides the attorneys expressed themselves as being confident that the trial would go on next Monday. They felt certain that what they had seen of Mr. Bolton's bearing that he would be mentally and physically capable of giving his entire attention to the evidence.

News that Mrs. Bolton was dying reached the Criminal Courts Building within a few minutes after the opening of the trial to-day. Mr. Bolton had spent a sleepless night and was almost on the edge of collapse from worry. He grew white as he saw Capt. Ricketts hurry into the court and whisper to Justice Fitzgerald. Intuition told him the message that Capt. Ricketts brought.

## TOO LATE TO SEE HER ALIVE.

It was that Mrs. Bolton was dying. An adjournment was taken immediately, and, accompanied by two court officers, Mr. Bolton started on the long trip to his home.

MRS. BOLTON DIED AT 11.45 O'CLOCK. HER SON CHARLES, AGED TWENTY-SEVEN, AND HER DAUGHTER VANY, AGED TWENTY-FOUR, STANDING AT HER BEDSIDE HEARD MR. BOLTON'S FOOTSTEPS ON THE STAIRWAY AS HE HURRIED UP FROM THE FRONT DOOR. THE WIFE, WHO WAS CONSCIOUS, GLANCED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE DOORWAY, SANK BACK AND EXPIRED JUST AS THE HUSBAND STEPPED INTO THE ROOM. NEWS OF THE DEATH OF MRS. BOLTON WAS SUPPRESSED FOR ONE HOUR.

There was a feeling of unrest among counsel for both sides when Justice Fitzgerald took his seat. Early morning reports from Mrs. Bolton's bedside were encouraging, but about the time her husband left the Broadway Central Hotel with the other jurors to the Criminal Courts Building, her case took a sudden turn for the worse. She sank so rapidly that the oxygen treatment was resorted to in a vain effort to keep her alive until her husband should reach her.

Mrs. Bolton was first taken ill on Monday, Feb. 4, when she went to the Broadway Central Hotel with some clothing for her husband. She caught cold at that time and it developed into pneumonia. She was fifty years old.

Undertaker George W. Howie, of Fordham, is in charge of the funeral arrangements, but so far they have not been completed. She will be buried probably on Saturday.

Thaw was not told of the death of Mrs. Bolton until the news could be no longer concealed. He fully expected that his trial would be

resumed at 2 o'clock. The prospect of his wife being compelled to go on the stand and repeat her story is almost more than Thaw can stand.

## EXPERT AGAIN ON THE STAND.

At the opening of court Dr. Evans, the New Jersey alienist, was recalled to the stand.

"During your first three visits to Mr. Thaw, did you base your opinion of his mental condition in part upon his oral statements?" asked Mr. Delmas.

"I did."

The answer was permitted to go in without objection by Jerome. This was a substantial victory for the defense. All along Jerome had fought against the admission of Thaw's statements to the expert who examined him. But over night the District Attorney had receded from his position, and now he gave the defense full swing. That was why Evans had been brought back to the stand.

"Did you base your scientific opinion on Mr. Thaw's unsoundness of mind upon Thaw's oral statements?"

"I did. His statements were of material importance in assisting us in making up our minds."

## BAD NEWS FROM MRS. BOLTON.

As Dr. Evans started to answer, Mr. Jerome arose to object. He was just unreeing the first sentence of his argument when Capt. Ricketts, of the Court Police Squad, hurried in from a side door and whispered something to Justice Fitzgerald. Juror Bolton watched Ricketts intently. His face paled perceptibly. Evidently he had a premonition of what was coming.

Justice Fitzgerald announced an adjournment of the case until 2 o'clock. As the twelve jurors left the box Bolton seemed to fall. He was clapping and unclapping his hands mechanically. In company with another juror and Court Officer Kavanagh he stepped at once for his home in the Bronx on the Lenox avenue line of the Subway.

The full weight of the news had not been taken to him. He was simply told that his wife's condition had grown worse since he saw her last night.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, DR. TINKER, THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN, HAD TELEPHONED TO THE CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING THAT MRS. BOLTON WAS DYING. HE WAS KEEPING HER ALIVE WITH OXYGEN, HE SAID, UNTIL HER HUSBAND COULD REACH HER SIDE.

## THAW WORRIED BY THE NEWS.

Thaw had come into court in apparent good humor with himself and his case. He had grinned amiably upon his lawyers and had set himself to the task of opening a pile of letters—many of them containing valentines when there came the interruption which may mean so much to his trial. Now he was led away, scowling and plucking at the ends of his hair.

A minute or two later, word came trickling back across the Bridge of Sighs that the prisoner on reaching his cell in Murderer's Row of the Tombs had gone to pieces with vexation and alarm. He feared that the

## GIRL SURRENDERS ST. REGIS ROBBER

Raymond Hitchcock Among the Victims Plundered by an Elevator Boy.

In the capture of Edward Conroy, the East Sixty-seventh street station police believe they have caught a sleek young hotel thief. Conroy was taken from his home at No. 129 East Fifty-ninth street, to-day, where a lot of his belongings, including silverware and other articles, were found, which the police believe were stolen from patrons of hotels where the prisoner had been employed. Later Conroy is said to have confessed to the police and told where he had pawned a large amount of loot. The police make an estimate that he got away with not less than \$2,500 worth of plunder.

Conroy has worked at the Hotel Flinders at No. 135 West Forty-seventh street; the Lexington Apartments, on Lexington avenue; the Hotel St. Regis, the Bellevue-Stratford, in Philadelphia, and lately at the Hotel Premier, No. 330 West Seventy-second street.

Conroy was at the Hotel Flinders last May, when he was arrested by Raymond Hitchcock, a young man who was then a clerk in the hotel. Hitchcock, who was then a clerk in the hotel, was then a clerk in the hotel. Hitchcock, who was then a clerk in the hotel, was then a clerk in the hotel.

After the young man was discharged from the Flinders, he worked in the Lexington Apartments and the St. Regis, and in July and August he went then to Philadelphia, returning in the early part of the month of August. He was at the Hotel Premier during those months the majority of the guests were in the country or at the seashore, and as they returned they found their rooms looted. Dr. Frederick W. Levinson, the hotel owner, said that when Conroy was discharged the stealing ceased and he set the police looking for him.

A decorated sweetshop gave the clue which caused Conroy's capture. The police give the following as some of the victims and losses:

Mrs. Sarah Stelgitz, silverware, cut glass, jewelry, etc. \$20. Mrs. A. Simon, coat, jacket, seal coat and other wearing apparel and silverware, \$50; Felix Friedlander, clothing, etc. \$10; Mrs. Silverman, three clocks, \$10. Conroy aided the police in recovering a considerable portion of the property.

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## OIL EXPLOSION CAUSES PANIC, SHAKES CITY

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The windows of stores were completely shattered, and in the residence sections thousands of panes of glass were shaken out of their casings. The belief was general along both shores of the Kill Von Kull that a disastrous earthquake had occurred until a great volume of smoke, shot with lightning bolts, spread out over the oil works and completely enveloped it.

Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, suffered more severely than any other town across the Kill Von Kull. Along its main business street the windows of stores and flat-houses were blown in and the people stricken with a panic of fear. Great crowds rushed out into the streets of all the towns bordering about Bayonne, and along the north shore section off Staten Island, and throughout Greater New York the impression spread that there had been an earthquake.

All five boroughs of the greater city were alarmed by the shudder of the earth, that shook buildings of every description from thirty-story skyscrapers in the financial district to tiny frame buildings in the Bronx and Williamsburg.

Until it was learned that there had been a disastrous explosion at the Standard Oil depot at Bayonne, N. J., thousands of people all over the city feared that another disaster was impending.

The shock was felt at 10.25 A. A distinct tremor was perceived at Police Headquarters, and many of the city's thousands of men and women ran out into the street from stores and offices. In the downtown section of the city the rumor spread rapidly that there had been an earthquake.

Inquiries were made at all of the newspaper offices, and the theory was evolved that there had either been a seismic disturbance or that the new electric power plant at the Algonquin power station was creating untoward electrical action in the atmosphere.

Mild Panic in a Big Building. So noticeable was the shock that people in the street felt it and stopped to look at the sky, which was not a low one. The vice-president of the Electric Cable Company, whose offices are on the eighth floor of the twenty-story building at No. 17 Battery Place, called up the "World" and said that there was a panic in the building. It had been shaken from foundation to roof, and the tenants of the office had rushed out into the hallway. The building was not injured, but the structure that had been an earthquake, and the alarm was general that there might be another shock.

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The hotels St. George and Castleton, on Staten Island, received a shock which startled their guests. Many of them came running from their rooms, thinking an earthquake had struck the island. The revenue cutter Manhattan, which was in the harbor, was also shaken, and the crew of the cutter rushed to the deck. The action of the explosion on the water caused the cutter to rock, and the crew of the cutter rushed to the deck.

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## ERIE RAILROAD TO TAKE OFF TRAINS

Some Commuters Will Have to Do with Fewer Accommodations in Future.

The Erie Railroad announced to-day its intention to take off all suburban trains which are run at a loss. "The most important reason," said an officer of the road, "has reference to the handling of freight. During the past two weeks we have had to confine our entire attention to the suburban business, and as a result the shippers have suffered severe losses. So many trains are being operated as to seriously interfere with our freight trains."

"Owing to the lack of facilities at Jersey City and the fact that the Bergen tunnel is up to its limit, there is but one way out of a bad condition—take off some freight trains." It has been decided to annul all suburban passenger trains which are run at a loss, but the great majority of the commuters will not be affected. Nearly all of the rush-hour trains show a profit, but there are many two and three car locals which do not.

While the company regrets the step, it is forced to take action. If the freight shippers are to have reasonably good service, the new schedule will be announced within a few days.

## DEPUTIES ARMED FOR WAR ON DOGS.

(Special to The Evening World.) WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Under a verdict handed down to-day by a jury of the Supreme Court here, Justice Moroshauser presiding, William Muldoon, ex-champion wrestler and proprietor of the health sanitarium at White Plains, will have to pay \$100 to William R. King, a sixteen-year-old boy of this place, who was bitten by a dog alleged to have been owned by Muldoon.

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May McKenzie and Howard Nesbit Are Both in Danger of an Attack, While Jerome and Delmas Are Not Immune.

## MRS. HARRY THAW ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE A VICTIM.

By Nicola Greeley-Smith.

ANOTHER day of the Thaw trial—a bright day because the last alienist for the defense has left the stand with the consciousness of having contributed a new phrase to the New York vernacular. For it is possible that we may speak of "exaggerated ego" long after the verdict of the Thaw jury has ceased to be a topic of discussion.

Looking about the court yesterday in the brief period of the afternoon session, before Justice Fitzgerald's kindly warning sent the newspaper women from the room, I was more interested in speculating as to the number of "exaggerated egos" at the Thaw trial than the defendant's, to which Dr. Evans had testified, than in the actual evidence, which was very dry.

There is, for instance, the exaggerated ego which Evelyn Thaw must develop, whether she will or not. For this twenty-three year old girl knows that she stirred the world by the pitiful story she told just a week ago. She knows that she cannot appear in the streets without danger of being mobbed by the curious, and that there is no woman alive, however great or high or holy, upon whom public attention is focussed as upon her.

## EVELYN MAY DEVELOP IT.

Whatever the future may hold for Harry Thaw, Evelyn Thaw will never be able to forget the great world-role she has played during the last few weeks, and an authentic case of "exaggerated ego" may result.

There is her brother, Howard Nesbit, playing a star role on the other side, a youth under twenty much exposed to Dr. Evans's malady.

There is May McKenzie, Evelyn Thaw's friend, who is still to testify. Though Miss McKenzie has invariably appeared in the Criminal Courts Building in a violet gown, she cannot be said to have presented a violet demeanor, and as her name has appeared in print far oftener of late than that of any prima donna of any production she ever danced in, she, too, seems a likely victim to the new disease.

There are the felix Mr. Jerome, the dramatic Mr. Delmas and his lieutenants, Messrs. Hartridge, Gleason, Peabody and McPike, all from their prominence at the trial also much exposed to the germ of "exaggerated ego"—if it has a germ.

There are the special writers, who, belonging to a guild prone to egotism at all times, can only by a miracle escape.

## THIS WILL BE A BAD CASE.

There is the young doctor-man, who exercises all the prerogatives of St. Peter, admitting or turning away whom he will. If he does not develop a malignant form of "exaggerated ego," I refuse to believe there is any such thing.

The only persons safe from the epidemic are the news reporters, who do good work as a matter of course at the trial and whose names rarely get into print.

The "ego" phrase, the catchword of the case, is one of the small humors of a great tragedy, which, strange as it may appear, has had moments of humor even in its gloomiest phases.

## MRS. THAW IS STILL UNCONTRADICTED.

Evelyn Thaw's story, one of the most pitiful recitals ever made by human lips, was not without elements of comedy. It contained tears and sobs, but, at the very height of horror, also a hint of laughter that made me speculate as to whether Comedy and Tragedy may not be twin Muses, so much alike that it is difficult to tell them apart.

It is just a week to-day since that wonderful story was told. As yet, the District Attorney has had no opportunity to shake it, and the seeds of pity and pardon it sowed in the hearts of Harry Thaw's jurors may have already germinated in a tenderness that will set him free.

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